

Add the following new claims:

--8. A disposable diaper comprising a body portion having two enlarged end portions and a narrowed intermediate portion therebetween, the body portion being shaped so that the diaper may extend about a waist and crotch of a wearer and having an inside and an outside with respect to the wearer;

5 each end portion having a respective waistband portion at an edge thereof so that when the diaper is worn, the waistband portions gird the waist of the wearer;

C1F at least two body-portion layers including a ^{layer} ~~liquid~~ of liquid-absorbent material and a plastic layer having an edge at the edge of the diaper;

10 a strip of non-abrasive material located along at least one of said waistband portions, being substantially adjacent to said plastic layer edge, said strip being distinct from all of said body-portion layer, said strip providing a cushion between the diaper wearer and the plastic layer edge so that the diaper presents a cushioned surface at said inside of the diaper waistband portion despite said plastic layer edge --.

E --9. The disposable diaper of claim ⁸ ~~7~~ wherein said strip extends from the inside of the diaper to the outside of the diaper, wrapping over said plastic layer edge --.

--10. The disposable diaper of claim 7 wherein said soft padding member extends from the inside to the outside of said diaper, wrapping over said plastic layer edge --.